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## INTRODUCTION

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## SCHEDULE

8:00-8:30 a.m.	<b>Registration</b>	12:15-1:30 p.m.	<b>Luncheon</b>
8:30-8:40 a.m.	<b>Opening Remarks</b> A client of the Villanova University School of Law's Clinic for Asylum, Refugee and Emigrant Services (CARES) will open the Forum by sharing her experiences as a refugee of the conflict in Iraq.	1:30-3:00 p.m.	<b>Law and Policy Governing Refugee Protection</b> The Moderator for the panel will be <b>John Murphy</b> , Professor of Law, Villanova University School of Law.  • <b>Christopher Nugent</b> , Senior Counsel, Holland & Knight, LLP • <b>Michele Pistone</b> , Professor of Law, Villanova University School of Law • <b>Theresa Rusch</b> , Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, U.S. Department of State • <b>Barbara Strack</b> , Chief, Refugee Affairs Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
8:40-9:00 a.m.	<b>Introduction and Welcome</b> <b>Mark Sargent</b> , Dean, Villanova University School of Law, <b>Joan Neal</b> , Executive Vice President for U.S. Operations, Catholic Relief Services and <b>Ambassador Johnny Young</b> , Executive Director, Migration Refugee Services, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops	3:00-3:15 p.m.	<b>Break</b>
9:00-10:30 a.m.	<b>The Refugee Crisis Today: Update from the Field</b> The Moderator for the panel will be <b>Deborah Campbell</b> , Literary Journalist.  • <b>Bill Frelick</b> , Refugee Policy Director, Human Rights Watch • <b>Representative</b> , Caritas Iraq • <b>Mark Schnellbaecher</b> , Regional Director for the Middle East, Catholic Relief Services • <b>Kristele Younes</b> , Advocate, Refugees International	3:15-4:45 p.m.	<b>Non-governmental Projects to Help Refugees</b> The Moderator for the panel will be <b>Deborah Amos</b> , Foreign Correspondent, National Public Radio.  • <b>Eric Blinderman</b> , International Litigation Counsel, Proskauer Rose LLP • <b>Najla Chadha</b> , Director, Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre • <b>Heather Hanson</b> , Director, Public Affairs, Mercy Corps • <b>Kirk Johnson</b> , Founder, The List Project to Resettle Iraqi Allies • <b>Edward Murray</b> , Board Member, Iraqi Student Project
10:30-10:45 a.m.	<b>Break</b>	4:45-5:00 p.m.	<b>Closing Remarks</b> <b>Kathleen Newland</b> , Co-Founder, Migration Policy Institute
10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	<b>The World's Response</b> The Moderator for the panel will be <b>Trudy Rubin</b> , Foreign Affairs Columnist, The Philadelphia Inquirer.  • <b>Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Husseini</b> , Ambassador of Jordan to the United States • <b>Ambassador James Foley</b> , Senior Coordinator for Iraqi Refugee Issues, U.S. Department of State • <b>Michel Gabaudan</b> , Regional Representative, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Washington, D.C. • <b>Ambassador Imad Moustapha</b> , Ambassador of Syria to the United States		



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S P E A K E R S

**Deborah Amos, Foreign Correspondent, National Public Radio**

Deborah Amos covers Iraq for NPR News. Her reports can be heard on NPR's award-winning *Morning Edition*, *All Things Considered*, and *Weekend Edition*. She has returned to work with NPR after a decade in television news, including ABC's *Nightline* and *World News Tonight* and the PBS programs *NOW with Bill Moyers* and *Frontline*.

Prior to her work with ABC News, Amos spent 16 years with NPR, where she was most recently the London Bureau Chief. Previously she was based in Amman, Jordan, as an NPR foreign correspondent. Amos won several awards, including an Alfred I. duPont-Columbia Award and a Breakthru Award, and widespread recognition for her coverage of the Gulf War in 1991. She spent 1991-92 as a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University, and is the author of *Lines in the Sand: Desert Storm and the Remaking of the Arab World* (Simon and Schuster, 1992).

She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Amos joined NPR in 1977, where she was first a director and then a producer for *Weekend All Things Considered* until 1979, after which she worked on documentaries until 1985. In 1982, she received the Prix Italia, the Ohio State Award, and a duPont-Columbia Award for "Father Cares: The Last of Jonestown;" and in 1984 she received a Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award for "Refugees."

Amos began her career after receiving a degree in broadcasting from the University of Florida at Gainesville.

**Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Hussein (Jordan)**

Prince Zeid is the Jordanian Ambassador to the United States and non-resident Ambassador to Mexico. He was previously the kingdom's Permanent Representative to the United Nations; a post he held six and a half years (2000-2007). From 1996-2000, he was Jordan's Deputy Permanent Representative at the UN, with the rank of Ambassador. An expert in the field of international justice, Prince Zeid played a central role in the establishment of the International Criminal Court. In September 2002, Prince Zeid was elected the first president of the governing body of the International Criminal Court, at a time when the Court was only a plan on paper. Prince Zeid also served as a political affairs officer in UNPROFOR in the former Yugoslavia from February 1994 to February 1996, and, having worked intimately with peacekeeping issues for over the last decade, his knowledge of peacekeeping is extensive.

Prince Zeid holds a B.A. from The Johns Hopkins University and a Ph.D. from Cambridge (Christ's College). In 1989, he also received his commission as an officer in the Jordanian desert police (the successor to the Arab Legion) and saw service with them until 1994.

**Eric Blinderman, International Litigation Counsel, Proskauer Rose LLP**

Eric Blinderman is International Litigation Counsel for Proskauer Rose LLP. In that capacity Mr. Blinderman handles a variety of matters including, but not limited to, Foreign Corrupt Practice Act matters and extradition disputes. He handles matters before the International Criminal Court and other ad-hoc tribunals, complex international commercial arbitrations subject to a variety of arbitral rules, and represents sovereign states before the International Court of Justice and other international bodies. Mr. Blinderman served from March of 2004 until December of 2006 in Iraq, first as an Associate General Counsel of the Coalition Provisional Authority and later as Chief Legal Counsel and Associate Deputy to the Regime Crimes Liaison's Office. During his time in Iraq, Mr. Blinderman advised senior members of the United States, Coalition, and Iraqi governments on matters of public international law, commercial law reform, and international criminal law. He worked principally with the Iraqi High Tribunal as it tried members of the former regime (including Saddam Hussein) for atrocities committed against the Iraqi people. In May of 2007, the Department of Justice presented Mr. Blinderman a Special Commendation Award for his service in Iraq. Mr. Blinderman has authored multiple articles on international law. He is frequently called upon to lecture about his experiences at law schools and to comment on international affairs in various media outlets including the *N.Y. Times*, *L.A. Times*, *Washington Post*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Time Magazine*, *Newsweek*, the *NY Law Journal*, the *ABA Journal*, PBS, C-SPAN, CNN, and Fox News. In addition, he served as law clerk to a United States Federal Judge and worked at the United Nations Development Program, the Preparatory Commission for the Establishment of an International Criminal Court, and the Programme in Comparative Media Law and Policy. He is also the founder and owner of the critically acclaimed restaurant Mas (farmhouse) which is located in New York City. Mr. Blinderman received his J.D., *cum laude* from Cornell Law School and was awarded a M.St. in international law from the University of Oxford, with distinction.

**Deborah Campbell**

Deborah Campbell recently spent two months living among Iraqi refugees in Syria and Jordan on assignment for *Harper's* magazine. Her book *This Heated Place* is a literary journey inside the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Her writing has appeared in *The Walrus*, the *Guardian*, *Asia Times*, *The Economist*, *New Scientist*, *Ms.*, *Adbusters*, and in anthologies and essay collections in Europe, Asia and North America. The winner of two 2007 National Magazine Awards for her reportage on Iran, she is an adjunct professor of literary nonfiction writing at the University of British Columbia.





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### **Najla Chahda, Director, Caritas Lebanon Migrant Center**

Najla Chahda began working full-time for Caritas Lebanon in 1988, serving vulnerable Lebanese people. Najla became a trained professional social worker in 1991. She holds a Master's in Development and Community Action and another Master's in Psychosocial Issues in War-Torn Societies.

In 1994, Ms. Chahda was charged with running Caritas' newly-created migrant and refugees center. Under her management, the center has expanded from two to over 85 staff members, increasing the number of migrants it helps and the services provided to them. It currently aids Iraqi refugees, Sri Lankan domestic workers, and other immigrants in Lebanon.

Ms. Chahda successfully managed the Caritas Lebanon Migrant Center during two major disasters: the Asian tsunami that impacted the migrant workers living in Lebanon, and the July/August 2006 conflict in Lebanon. She directed Caritas Lebanon Humanitarian Response Unit, which implemented a seven million dollar rehabilitation program after the 2006 conflict.

As of 2003, Ms. Chahda has represented the Migrant Center in Caritas Europa's pilot project COATNET (Christian Organizations Against Trafficking in women NETwork). Recently, CLMC successfully lobbied the Lebanese authorities to release detained Iraqi refugees who were jailed for their irregular immigration status in the country. Consequently, a three-month amnesty was declared by the Lebanese government. She is the director of the Caritas Lebanon Migrant Center.

### **Bill Frelick, Director, Human Rights Watch's Refugee Policy Program**

Bill Frelick is the director of Human Rights Watch's Refugee Policy Program, which monitors, investigates, and documents human rights abuses against refugees, asylum seekers, and internally displaced persons, and advocates for the rights and humanitarian needs of all categories of forcibly displaced persons. The work of the program is global in scope. From 2002-2005, Mr. Frelick was the director of Amnesty International USA's Refugee Program. He was also previously the director of the U.S. Committee for Refugees, which he served for 18 years (1984-2002). He has traveled to refugee sites throughout the world and is widely published. He was the editor of USCR's annual World Refugee Survey and monthly Refugee Reports.

With Human Rights Watch Frelick has conducted research and written a number of reports, including *The Silent Treatment: Fleeing Iraq, Surviving in Jordan*, and *Iraq: From a Flood to a Trickle: Neighboring States Stop Iraqis Fleeing War and Persecution*, which both look at Iraqi refugee issues.

### **Ambassador James Foley, Senior Coordinator for Iraqi Refugee Issues, U.S Department of State**

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice appointed Ambassador James B. Foley Senior Coordinator for Iraqi Refugee Issues in September 2007. Prior to this appointment, Ambassador Foley was the

Deputy Commandant and International Affairs Advisor at the National War College. He served as U.S. Ambassador to Haiti from 2003-2005, and as U.S. Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva from 2000-2003. From 1993 to 1996 Ambassador Foley was the Deputy Director of the Private Office of the NATO Secretary General in Brussels. In Washington, Ambassador Foley served as State Department Deputy Spokesman (1997-2000) and as political advisor and speechwriter to former Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger (1989-1993). He served previous overseas tours in Algiers (1986-1988) and Manila (1984-1986). Ambassador Foley has been a member of the Foreign Service since 1983. Ambassador Foley is a graduate of the State University of New York at Fredonia (BA, 1979), the Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris (C.E.P, 1980), and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (M.A.L.D., 1984).

### **Michel Gabaudan, (UNHCR) Regional Representative for the United States and Caribbean**

Michel Gabaudan has served as UNHCR Regional Representative for the United States and Caribbean since September 2006. His distinguished career with the agency spans more than 25 years and includes service in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Australia.

Trained as a medical doctor, Mr Gabaudan spent a decade working Guyana, Zambia, Brazil, London and Yemen before joining UNHCR as a Field Officer in Udon, Thailand. His UN career subsequently took him to field operations in countries ranging from Cameroon to Pakistan as well as several years at the agency's headquarters in Geneva. In 1995 he was appointed Regional Representative in Mexico. He then went on to become head of UNHCR's funding and donor relations service at headquarters. Between 2001 and 2004 he was the Regional Representative in Australia. Prior to coming to Washington he served as the Regional Representative for UNHCR in Beijing.

Mr Gabaudan attended the University of Bordeaux in France where he studied medicine. He is married with three children.

### **Heather Hanson, Director of Public Affairs, Mercy Corps**

Heather Hanson has a PhD in Sociology from the University of California, Davis, and an MA in International Development from Clark University. She has managed USAID-funded microenterprise and natural resource management programs in Central America, developed civil society programming for the Ford Foundation's Mexico and Central America office, and worked on several large policy research programs. Dr. Hanson spent two years doing human rights work in Colombia, and over two years directing a non-profit dedicated to improving US policy toward Colombia directly before joining Mercy Corps as Director of Public Affairs in November 2007.





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Dr. Hanson has just returned from a trip to visit Mercy Corps field programs in Iraq, Jordan and Syria, and is leading the agency's advocacy efforts on Iraq.

### **Kirk W. Johnson, Founder and Director, The Iraqi List Project to Resettle Iraqi Allies**

Kirk W. Johnson is an Arabist and writer, focusing on U.S. foreign policy and political Islamism throughout the Middle East. He has worked and researched throughout the region, most recently on the reconstruction of Iraq for the U.S. Agency for International Development in Baghdad and in Fallujah.

As founder and director of The List: Project to Resettle Iraqi Allies, Mr. Johnson has become a leading public advocate for Iraqis who assisted the U.S. Government. In his capacity as director, he has brought together over 100 attorneys from two leading law firms to offer thousands of hours of pro bono representation for Iraqi refugees on his list, and is cultivating a nation-wide grassroots support effort. He has written op-eds on the subject for the *New York Times* and the *Los Angeles Times* and his efforts to help U.S.-affiliated Iraqis were the subject of a *New Yorker* article.

Mr. Johnson has discussed his project and the issue in numerous print, radio, and tv outlets.

Mr. Johnson began working for USAID in December 2004 on a contract through the International Resources Group, serving in Baghdad as the Mission's chief Information Officer for the first half of 2005. In the fall of 2005, Mr. Johnson was appointed to USAID's Senior Staff as the Agency's first emissary to the city of Fallujah in Anbar Province. As the Regional Coordinator for Reconstruction in Fallujah, he was USAID's chief liaison on reconstruction issues with local Iraqi government officials, the Second Marine Expeditionary Force, and other international actors in the region. In this capacity, Mr. Johnson coordinated a portfolio of reconstruction and humanitarian assistance projects valued at over \$20 million.

### **Ambassador Imad Moustapha, (Syria)**

Imad Moustapha is the Syrian Ambassador to the United States. Prior to his post as Ambassador, Imad Moustapha was Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology at the University of Damascus, and Secretary General of the Arab School on Science and Technology. He is a co-founder of the Network of Syrian Scientists, Technologists and Innovators Abroad (NOSSTIA). He was an active consultant to several international and regional organizations on Science and Technology policies in the Middle East (UNDP, UNESCO, ESCWA, ALECSO). He was also a member of the Syrian team responsible for drafting reform strategies for the ministries of Culture, Education, and Higher Education.

Ambassador Imad Moustapha is a versatile writer with a long list of publications both in English and Arabic. He mainly writes on the political scene in Washington and on U.S. policies. He has published extensively in *Teshreen*, *Abiad wa Aswad*, *Al Hayat*, *Al Abram Al Douali*, and

*Al Thawra*. His publications list includes more than 200 published articles. He has authored, co-authored and edited several books in English and Arabic, including *The Echoes of Orpheus*, *Creativity out from the Windows of Hell*, and *Concurrent Engineering*. He is also the co-author of the UN sponsored *Human Development Report* in the Arab World. His wide range of interests include: globalization, cultural identities, social and economic impacts of the Internet, and western classical music. He has appeared in numerous US, British, Syrian, and Arab TV news programs and shows, and presented a large number of public lectures in various Arab and American cities. Imad Moustapha holds a PhD in Computer Science from the University of Surrey, UK. He is fluent in both English and French with a moderate command of German.

### **John Murphy, Professor of Law, Villanova University School of Law**

John Murphy is Professor of Law, Villanova University School of Law. He received his B.A. and LL.B from Cornell University. He has been a member of the faculty of Villanova Law since 1983.

Professor Murphy has written a number of books, including: *The United States and the Rule of Law in International Affairs*, (Cambridge University Press 2004) *Report of the Task Force on an International Criminal Court of the American Bar Association* (1995); *State Support of International Terrorism: Legal, Political, and Economic Dimensions* (1989); *Punishing International Terrorists: The Legal Framework for Policy Initiatives* (1985); *The United Nations and the Control of International Violence: A Legal and Political Analysis* (1983); and *Legal Aspects of International Terrorism: Summary Report of an International Conference* (1980). He has also co-authored several books, including: *The Constitutional Law of the European Union* (1996 & Supp. 1999) (w/James D. Dinnage); *The Regulation of International Business and Economic Relations* (1991) (w/Alan C. Swan) (for which he was awarded a Certificate of Merit by the American Society of International Law), as well as a second edition of *The Regulation of International Business and Economic Relations*, published in 1999; Professor Murphy also has written many scholarly articles on the topics of international law and international terrorism. Professor Murphy is involved with several professional organizations. He is the ABA's Alternate Observer at the United States Mission to the United Nations, and is an Honorary Vice-president of the American Branch of the International Law Association. He has served as consultant to the Council for International Exchange of Scholars; the U.S. Department of Justice; the United Nations Crime Prevention Unit, Vienna, Austria; the ABA Standing Committee on Law and National Security; the U.S. Department of State; the International Task Force on Prevention of Nuclear Terrorism. He is a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of *The International Lawyer*.

### **Edward Murray, Board Member, Iraqi Student Project**

Ed Murray is a Board member of the Iraqi Student Project. The Iraqi Student Project began in the summer of 2007 when several people committed to addressing the critical lack of educational opportunities for Iraqis came together. Iraq's excellent higher education system is in ruins, and



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more than four million Iraqis are displaced inside and outside Iraq. With occupation and sectarian strife continuing and an estimated death toll of more than a million Iraqis, the Iraqi Student Project seeks to make a small effort toward reconciliation and restitution. The goal of the ISP is to bring qualified Iraqis to study without cost at U.S. colleges and universities beginning in the fall of 2008. Ed Murray is the President and CEO of the National Interfaith Cable Coalition in New York City, NY.

### **Joan F. Neal, Vice President for U.S. Operations, Catholic Relief Services**

As Vice President for U.S. Operations, Joan F. Neal is responsible for leadership of CRS' (Catholic Relief Services) mission of serving Catholics in the United States as they respond to the Gospel imperative to build a more just world. In this position, Ms. Neal leads the agency's domestic programs and advocacy aimed at educating and engaging US Catholics in faith-based actions that promote international social justice and solidarity with poor and marginalized people overseas. Currently, under her direction are six regional offices located across the country as well as a support staff in Headquarters. Working in partnership with dioceses, parishes, colleges, universities and other Catholic organizations, U.S. Operations builds relationships across borders and provides concrete opportunities for U.S. Catholics to make a positive difference in the world by living as one, human family.

Prior to joining CRS in September 2002, Ms. Neal was president of her own management consulting firm specializing in strategic planning and leadership development for non-profit organizations. Many of her clients were Catholic agencies, dioceses, organizations and parishes in the Midwest. Ms. Neal also served as Associate Director of Leadership Greater Chicago, a leadership development institute for business, professional, government and non-profit sector executives. Additionally, in her long career as a banker, she held a variety of senior management positions for several large multinational banks.

Ms. Neal has chaired a number of diocesan and national boards and committees. She holds a B.A. in English from Loyola University Chicago, an M.A. in Pastoral Studies and a Certificate in Biblical Spirituality, both from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

### **Kathleen Newland, Director of Migrants, Migration, and Development and Refugee Protection Programs, and Member of the Board of Trustees**

Kathleen Newland is co-founder of the Migration Policy Institute and directs MPI's programs on migrants, migration, and development and comprehensive protection for refugees and internally displaced people. Her work focuses on the relationship between migration and development, governance of international migration, and refugee protection. Previously, at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, she was a Senior Associate and then Co-director of the International Migration Policy Program (1994-2001). She sits on the Board of the International Rescue

Committee, and is a Chair Emerita of the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children. She is also on the Board of the Foundation for the Hague Process on Migrants and Refugees.

Prior to joining the Migration Program at the Carnegie Endowment in 1994, Ms. Newland worked as an independent consultant for such clients as the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the World Bank, and the office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations. From 1988-1992, Ms. Newland was on the faculty of the London School of Economics. During that time, she also co-founded (with Lord David Owen) and directed Humanitas, an educational trust dedicated to increasing awareness of international humanitarian issues. From 1982 to 1988, she worked at the United Nations University in Tokyo, Japan. She began her career at Worldwatch Institute in 1974.

Ms. Newland is the author or editor of six books, including the first *State of the World's Refugees* for UNHCR in 1993, and *No Refuge: The Challenge of Internal Displacement for the United Nations* in 2003. She has also written eleven shorter monographs as well as numerous articles and book chapters.

Ms. Newland is a graduate of Harvard University and the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University. She did additional graduate work at the London School of Economics.

### **Christopher Nugent, Senior Counsel, Holland & Knight**

Chris Nugent works as a Senior Counsel with the Community Services Team of Holland & Knight LLP in Washington, D.C. He is responsible for developing cutting-edge immigration-related pro-bono projects and trainings for firm offices and undertaking complex domestic and international casework involving immigration and public policy.

Mr. Nugent has over two decades of experience in immigration law and policy including his previous tenure as a Director of the ABA Commission on Immigration Policy, Practice and Pro Bono; Executive Director of the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project (Florence, Arizona) serving immigration detainees; and an National Association for Public Interest Law Equal Justice Fellow working with Mexican and Guatemalan indigenous farmworkers in California in community development projects.

Mr. Nugent has written and lectured extensively about immigration policy and practice issues.

### **Michele Pistone, Professor, Villanova University School of Law**

Professor Michele R. Pistone is a Professor of Law at Villanova University School of Law. She is Director of the Clinical Program and teaches and directs the Clinic for Asylum, Refugee, and Emigrant Services (CARES). The CARES clinic has successfully gained asylum for approximately 20 Iraqi refugees in the last two years. Her scholarly interests include asylum and refugee law, clinical education, migration and Catholic social thought. Among other scholarly publications,





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Professor Pistone is co-author of a new book, entitled, *Stepping Out of the Brain Drain: Applying Catholic Social Teaching in a New Era of Migration* (Lexington Books 2007), which looks at migration of skilled and educated workers from the perspective of Catholic social thought.

In 2006, Professor Pistone was awarded a Fulbright scholarship to lecture at the University of Malta on refugee law and to help to create a refugee law clinic.

Before teaching at Villanova, she worked at Georgetown University Law Center, where she was a teaching fellow and received an LL.M. in Advocacy. Professor Pistone received her J.D. *cum laude* from St. John's University School of Law, where she was a member of the *St. John's Law Review*. Following law school, Professor Pistone joined Willkie Farr & Gallagher in New York City as an associate, first in their general corporate and securities practice, and later as a telecommunications associate in the firm's Washington, D.C., office. While at Willkie Farr & Gallagher, Professor Pistone served as a volunteer lawyer representing indigent clients seeking asylum in the United States. She also served for approximately a year as Acting Legal Director of Human Rights First where she advocated for justice in the immigration law system.

### Trudy Rubin, Foreign Affairs Columnist, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*

Trudy Rubin is the foreign affairs columnist for *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, and a member of *The Inquirer's* editorial board. Her column appears twice weekly in *The Inquirer* and runs regularly in many other newspapers around the United States. In 2001, Ms. Rubin was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in commentary for her columns on Israel and the Palestinians, and she is the 2008 winner of the Edward Weintal prize for international reporting. She is the author of *Willful Blindness: The Bush Administration and Iraq*. Ms. Rubin has special expertise on the Middle East, Russia and Eastern Europe and travels abroad frequently. In 2003-07 she made eight trips to Iraq and visited Iran, Israel, the West Bank, Gaza, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, China and South Korea. In recent years she has visited Pakistan, India, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Brazil, South Africa, Nigeria, Central Asia, Russia and Georgia. Before coming to *The Inquirer* in December 1983, she was Middle East correspondent for *The Christian Science Monitor*, covering Israel and the Arab world, and lived in Jerusalem and Beirut. Earlier, she was a national correspondent for *The Monitor*, covering election campaigns and national political and social issues. Prior to that she was a staff writer on American politics for *The Economist* of London. During the Prague Spring of 1968, she worked in Prague, Czechoslovakia as a radio correspondent. In 1993, Ms. Rubin was a Jefferson Fellow at the East-West Center in Honolulu. In 1990 she was invited as an exchange journalist to the *Moscow News* in Moscow. She spent 1975-6 as a fellow at the Center for International Affairs at Harvard University as a participant in the program for senior diplomats started by Henry Kissinger. In 1974-5, she was an Alicia Patterson Foundation Fellow in Cairo and Beirut. She is a graduate of Smith College and The London School of Economics.

### Theresa Rusch, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, U.S Department of State

Ms. Rusch was born in Boston, Massachusetts and went on to attend the University of Wisconsin where she earned her Bachelor's degree in Russian in 1971 and her Master's degree in Library Science in 1973. In 1997 she was awarded a Master's degree in National Security Studies by the National Defense University in Washington.

Ms. Rusch worked as a Russian-speaking Exhibit Guide in the former Soviet Union with the United States Information Agency in 1972. From there she was employed with the Public Schools of Madison, Wisconsin as a librarian from 1973-1976, and then again with the United States Information Agency in the Foreign Service from 1976 until 1980 in the former Soviet Union and the Philippines.

Ms. Rusch joined the State Department 1980 with the Bureau of Human Rights as an asylum officer until 1982. She joined the Bureau for Refugee Programs in 1983 where she was assigned to Reception and Placement (RPL) until 1989. Ms. Rusch has been the Director of Refugee Admissions since 1989 where she has overseen the annual admissions program where she was deeply involved in addressing the Cuban, Haitian and Kosovo crises as well as the impact of the events of September 11, 2001 on the Refugee Admissions program. A primary focus of her Office at present is the admission of Iraqi refugees to the United States.

### Mark A. Sargent, Dean, Villanova University School of Law

Mark A. Sargent is Dean and Professor of Law at Villanova University School of Law.

Before coming to Villanova in 1997 as Dean, Sargent was Piper & Marbury Professor of Law, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Director of the Law & Entrepreneurship Program at the University of Maryland School of Law. He has also taught at the law schools of American University, Southern Methodist University and the University of Baltimore.

Dean Sargent's legal specialties are securities regulation and corporate law, and he has published extensively in those fields. Among his distinctions in his areas of expertise are his appointments as a member of the American Law Institute, as Reporter for the Revision of the Uniform Securities Act for the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, as Editor of *The Business Lawyer*, and as a former member of the National Adjudicatory Council of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Dean Sargent currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of New York Stock Exchange Regulation, Inc. and of the Board of Governors of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. He also has served as an arbitrator in securities and corporate law disputes, an administrative hearing judge in state securities enforcement actions and an expert witness for the Securities and Exchange Commission, state securities regulators and private litigants. Sargent also serves as an independent director on the Boards of the Wilmington Trust





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### **Mark Schnellbaecher, Regional Director, Catholic Relief Services**

Mark Schnellbaecher has been the regional director for Catholic Relief Services in Europe and the Middle East since 2003. In his fifteen years with CRS, Mark has served in Thailand, Pakistan, Cambodia, Macedonia, Kosovo and Serbia, and has also held several positions at CRS' headquarters in Baltimore.

Mr. Schnellbaecher is a graduate of Georgetown University and holds graduate degrees in theology and in public administration from Harvard University. A native of Saratoga Springs, New York, Mr. Schnellbaecher currently lives in Beirut, where the CRS Europe/Middle East office is located.

### **Barbara L. Strack, Chief of Refugee Affairs Division, U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services**

Barbara Strack joined U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services as Chief of the Refugee Affairs Division in November 2005. In that capacity, she oversees the Refugee Corps as well as enhanced headquarters capacity to support the U.S. refugee admissions program overall. Her previous experience includes both the public and private sectors: she directed a project on immigrant integration at the National Immigration Forum; served in the policy office at the former Immigration and Naturalization Service; worked as counsel to a U.S. Senate subcommittee; and practiced law in Washington, DC, at O'Melveny & Myers. Ms. Strack is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School and Brown University.

### **Kristele Younes, Advocate, Refugees International**

Kristele Younes joined Refugees International in February of 2006 after working as a Legal Officer with the Coalition for the International Criminal Court in The Hague. As part of the RI advocacy team, Ms. Younes has conducted a humanitarian assessment in Chad, focusing on the plight of refugees from Darfur and the Central African Republic. Prior to joining RI, Ms. Younes worked with Médecins du Monde and the International Rescue Committee in Afghanistan, where she managed protection programs. She was also part of a team which explored the possibility of a joint European Union/UN/DRC government program to re-establish the judicial system in Bunia, a war-torn town in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, and has worked on Rule of Law

issues with the OSCE's human rights department in post-war Bosnia. Ms. Younes has a law degree from McGill and a Master's in Public International Law and International Organizations from the Sorbonne. Ms. Younes is a Canadian and Lebanese citizen, and is fluent in French, Arabic and Spanish.

### **Ambassador Johnny Young**

Prior to his August 2007 appointment as Executive Director of the Migration and Refugee Services of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Ambassador Young was a private consultant, contractor and lecturer. Upon his retirement from the Foreign Service on Nov. 30, 2004, Ambassador Young was a member of the Senior Foreign Service with the rank of Career Ambassador. He last served abroad as US Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, 2001-2004. With service as Ambassador to the State of Bahrain, to the Republic of Togo, and to the Republic of Sierra Leone, he has served three presidents.

Johnny Young began his Foreign Service career in 1967 as a Budget and Fiscal Officer in Antananarivo, Madagascar followed by assignments in 1970 and 1972 as supervisory General Services Officer in Conakry, Guinea and Nairobi, Kenya; respectively. In 1974, he was transferred to Doha, Qatar to provide administrative support to the newly expanded American embassy and the first America ambassador to that country. While in Qatar, Ambassador Young served as Administrative Officer and Chargé d' Affaires, a.i. After Qatar, he was assigned to Bridgetown, Barbados as Administrative Counselor.

In 1979, Ambassador Young was assigned to Washington, DC as Career Development Officer in the Bureau of Personnel. This was followed by service as Executive Director for the Office of the Inspector General in 1981. Ambassador Young departed Washington in 1983 to be Administrative Counselor in Amman, Jordan; and in 1985 served at The Hague, Netherlands. In 1988, he was selected for assignment to the Department of State's Senior Seminar.

During his Foreign Service career, Ambassador Young has received numerous cash awards for performance. Among others, these have included one Meritorious Honor Award, and two Group Honor Awards, and a Presidential Rank Award in 2004. He was also involved with Operation "Sharp Edge," which was responsible for U.S. support and evacuation efforts during the Liberian war. In addition, the Sierra Leone mission received a Superior Group Award for its assistance in evacuating U.S. citizens following the coup in Freetown in April 1992. While in Sierra Leone, Ambassador Young's embassy led the way among foreign missions in providing humanitarian assistance to thousands of Liberian refugees. He also assisted large numbers of internally displaced persons when the Liberian war spilled over into Sierra Leone.



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